

PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS GUIDE



VILLAGE OF CROTON-ON-HUDSON NEW YORK



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Croton-on-Hudson is a community rich in natural beauty. Its rugged topography and location on both the Hudson and Croton Rivers provides a dramatic landscape with parks and open spaces that offer a wide range of passive and active outdoor activities. This guide provides a map and description of the village's parks, open spaces and trails.

VILLAGE PARKS for more information call the recreation office at 271-3006

SENASQUA PARK: This Hudson River waterfront park is accessible through the "picture tunnel" at the end of Municipal Place. Open to Village residents and their guests, Senasqua Park provides picnic facilities and a play area. Special Permits are required for group picnics.

BOAT MARINA: Adjacent to Senasqua Park, the marina operates from April to late October. Mooring space is available by permit to residents and non-residents. Sailing lessons are offered by the Croton Sailing School.

SILVER LAKE: Located alongside the Croton River at the end of Truesdale Drive, this facility is open to village residents and their guests for swimming during the summer season. Permits or daily fees are required.

DOBBS PARK: Maple Street (Rt 129). This park is the home of Little League and includes a basketball court and play area.

DUCK POND PARK: Bungalow Road off So. Riverside Ave. This park provides a ball field, basketball court, play area and pond for ice-skating.

FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL FIELD: Located behind the CET Elementary School off Alexander Lane, provides lighted ball fields.

SUNSET PARK: Sunset and Lexington Drives. Sunset Park offers a newly updated play area for young children.

HARRISON STREET PARK: This small park provides a play area for young children.

BLACK ROCK PARK: Located on Quaker Bridge Road along the Croton River, this park is a lovely spot to fish, stroll or have a picnic.

VASSALLO PARK: Located in the heart of the Upper Village, this park has an outdoor stage, and hosts special events throughout the year.

PVC TENNIS COURTS: Three clay courts, located at PVC Middle School on Olcott Ave., are available by permit from the Recreation Department.

CROTON LANDING: The Village's newest waterfront property stretches over a half-mile along the Hudson River and is wonderful place to stroll and catch a sunset. It is located north of Senasqua Park beyond the Yacht Club.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY PARKS for more information call 242-PARK

CROTON POINT PARK: Known as the 'Crown Jewel of the Hudson', this 504 acre park offers many activities including tent and RV camping, picnicing, hiking and nature study, a model plane flying, and a swimming beach.

Special events such as concerts, festivals, craft shows, historical and nature interpretive walks are held year round.

PARADISE ISLAND: This undeveloped 22-acre island is located in the Croton River and is best accessed by canoe or kayak.

NATURE PRESERVES & OPEN SPACE

BRINTON BROOK SANCTUARY: A 156-acre Audubon preserve contains over three miles of trails, is accessed from a small private drive off Albany Post Road North posted with a sign reading "SMRAS". A small parking area is located at the trailhead.

GRAFF SANCTUARY: This 29-acre Audubon preserve is accessed from either Furnace Dock Road or the end of Briggs Lane. For more information on Saw Mill River Audubon Society preserves, call 666-6503.

JANE E. LYTLE MEMORIAL ARBORETUM: A 20.4 acre preserve contains a loop trail system and connects to the Village's Highland Trail. An access road across Hudson National Golf Course is open during daylight hours and leads to a small parking lot. For more information, call 271-2623.

KAPLAN'S POND: An 8.5 acre village owned property at Lounsbury Road, is a unique natural site with a small pond and wetlands area.

CROTON GORGE AREA: Many trails traverse this 22 acre wooded, undeveloped village-owned area situated at the crest of the Croton River ravine between CET School and the Croton Gorge Trail.

CROTON TRAIL SYSTEM

This map shows the extensive network of existing and proposed trails as identified and mapped by the Croton Trails Committee. With the exception of the Croton Gorge and Crossining, trails are for pedestrian use only.

The **Croton Gorge Trail** is a half-mile wooded trail that follows the Croton River ravine. It is accessible from either the Silver Lake parking lot or at the end of Cleveland Drive. A spur trail takes you down to the historic Quaker Bridge over the Croton River and up to the **Old Croton Aqueduct Trailway** in Cortlandt.

The **River Walk** is a short, paved path along the waterfront at Half Moon Bay, and is open to Croton residents. Parking is available at the gatehouse.

The **Highland Trail** is a scenic wooded trail that skirts the Hudson National Golf Course reaching one of the highest points in Croton, offering sweeping panoramic views of the Hudson River. It ties into trails at Brinton Brook Sanctuary and the Arboretum. The trailheads are accessed from either the end of Arrowcrest Road, or the Arboretum during daylight hours.

The **Crossining** is a one-mile paved path that crosses the Croton River, providing a bicycle/pedestrian connection between Croton and Ossining. It runs parallel to Route 9 between Croton Point Ave. and No. Highland Ave.